

**DENTIST LICENSING AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► changes provisions related to an examination required for licensure as a dentist under the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-69-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 337

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-69-302** is amended to read:

**58-69-302. Qualifications -- Licensure as a dentist -- Licensure as a dental hygienist.**

(1) An applicant for licensure as a dentist, except as provided in Subsection (2), shall:

(a) submit an application in a form as prescribed by the division;

(b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section **63J-1-504**;

(c) be of good moral character;

30 (d) provide satisfactory documentation of having successfully completed a program of  
31 professional education preparing an individual as a dentist as evidenced by having received an  
32 earned doctor's degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited by the Commission on  
33 Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;

34 (e) pass the National Board Dental Examinations as administered by the Joint  
35 Commission on National Dental Examinations of the American Dental Association;

36 ~~[(f) pass any one of the regional dental clinical licensure examinations unless the  
37 division, in collaboration with the board, determines that:]~~

38 ~~[(i) the examination is clearly inferior to the Western Regional Examination Board;  
39 and]~~

40 ~~[(ii) reliance upon the examination poses an unjustifiable threat to public health and  
41 safety;]~~

42 (f) pass any regional dental clinical licensure examination approved by division rule  
43 made in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
44 Administrative Rulemaking Act;

45 (g) pass any other examinations regarding applicable law, rules, or ethics as established  
46 by division rule made in collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G,  
47 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;

48 (h) be able to read, write, speak, understand, and be understood in the English language  
49 and demonstrate proficiency to the satisfaction of the board if requested by the board; and

50 (i) meet with the board if requested by the board or division for the purpose of  
51 examining the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

52 (2) An applicant for licensure as a dentist qualifying under the endorsement provision  
53 of Section 58-1-302 shall:

54 (a) be currently licensed in good standing with an unrestricted license in another  
55 jurisdiction described in Section 58-1-302;

56 (b) document having met all requirements for licensure under Subsection (1) except  
57 Subsection (1)(d); and

58 (c) document having been successfully engaged in clinical practice as a dentist for not  
59 less than 6,000 hours in the five years immediately preceding the date of application for  
60 licensure.

61 (3) An applicant for licensure as a dental hygienist, except as set forth in Subsection  
62 (4), shall:

63 (a) submit an application in a form as prescribed by the division;

64 (b) pay a fee as determined by the department pursuant to Section 63J-1-504;

65 (c) be of good moral character;

66 (d) be a graduate holding a certificate or degree in dental hygiene from a school  
67 accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;

68 (e) pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination as administered by the Joint  
69 Commission on National Dental Examinations of the American Dental Association;

70 (f) pass an examination consisting of practical demonstrations in the practice of dental  
71 hygiene and written or oral examination in the theory and practice of dental hygiene as  
72 established by division rule made in collaboration with the board;

73 (g) pass any other examinations regarding applicable law, rules, and ethics as  
74 established by rule by division rule made in collaboration with the board;

75 (h) be able to read, write, speak, understand, and be understood in the English language  
76 and demonstrate proficiency to the satisfaction of the board if requested by the board; and

77 (i) meet with the board if requested by the board or division for the purpose of  
78 examining the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

79 (4) An applicant for licensure as a dental hygienist qualifying under the endorsement  
80 provision of Section 58-1-302 shall:

81 (a) be currently licensed in another jurisdiction set forth in Section 58-1-302;

82 (b) (i) document having met all requirements for licensure under Subsection (3) except,  
83 an applicant having received licensure in another state or jurisdiction prior to 1962, the year  
84 when the National Board Dental Hygiene Examinations were first administered, shall  
85 document having passed a state administered examination acceptable to the division in

86 collaboration with the board; or

87           (ii) document having obtained licensure in another state or jurisdiction upon which  
88 licensure by endorsement is based by meeting requirements which were equal to licensure  
89 requirements in Utah at the time the applicant obtained licensure in the other state or  
90 jurisdiction; and

91           (c) document having been successfully engaged in practice as a dental hygienist for not  
92 less than 2,000 hours in the two years immediately preceding the date of application for  
93 licensure.